IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

Cr. M.P.(M) No. 584 of 2007.

Date of Decision: 6th November, 2007.

Jagjit Singh Chahal .. Petitioner.

Versus

State of HP and others .. Respondents.

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.K. Gupta, Chief Justice.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner: Mr. Dushyant Dadwal, Advocate.

For respondent No.1: Mr. P.M. Negi, Deputy Advocate General.

For respondents No. 2 and 3: Mr. Sanjeev Bhushan, Advocate.

V.K. Gupta, Chief Justice (Oral)

The petitioner as well as respondents No.2 and 3 are present in person. I have talked all three of them as well as Mr. Dadwal, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. P.M. Negi, learned Deputy Advocate General and Mr. Sanjeev Bhushan, learned Counsel appearing for respondents No.2 and 3.

A minor incident appears to have been blown up out of all proportions. A small altercation might have taken place between the petitioner on the one hand and respondents No.2 and 3 on the other, which was made the subject matter of an FIR. Mr. Negi submits that final report has been presented in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Chopal, under Sections 353, 332 and 504 read with Section 34 IPC. The aforesaid final report arises out of FIR No.46 of 2007, Police Station, Nerwa, District Shimla.

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[1] Whether the reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

The parties have amicably settled and compromised the matter because they are of the opinion that the incident being very minor, no useful purpose shall be served by keeping the matter pending. Respondents No.2 and 3, however, have apologized to the petitioner with folded hands in the open Court and have assured the petitioner as well as the Court that they will not repeat their mistake in future.

This Court exercising suo-moto its power and jurisdiction vesting in it under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure hereby quashes the aforesaid proceedings pending in the aforesaid Court arising out of the aforesaid FIR in the interest of justice. The order dated 30th July, 2007 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Shimla is also upheld accordingly.

An intimation be sent to the learned trial Court about the present judgment whereby the proceedings have been quashed in the case pending in that Court. The petition is disposed of.

November 6, 2007. **(V.K. Gupta), C.J.**
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